

Central Intelligence Agency



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 Richard M. Bissell, Jr.
 [Redacted]

Dear Mr. Bissell:

This is to confirm the telephone conversation we had this morning and establish my bona fides as a member of the Agency's History Staff who has been working on a history of overhead intelligence.

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As I told you, it would be extremely helpful in my research if I could spend several hours with you going over those parts of my manuscript that deal with the period when you were one of the major players. I am particularly interested in the period from May to November 1954 and in learning more about the roles played by Phil Strong, Din Land, Jim Baker, Guy Stever, [Redacted] [Redacted] Rod Scott, and Jim Killian.

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The next big problem area has to do with the August-December 1957 period when the important persons appeared to be primarily Land and Killian. The third difficult period came in August-September 1961, when the major participants seemed to be Lee Battle, Chuck Murphy, Curly Webb, Gene Kiefer, and Joe [Redacted]

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I will call you on Monday, 5 November, to firm up when I will be in Farmington. Perhaps at that time you could give me a few directions on how to find your office and a local motel. I can be reached at [Redacted] Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm. My home phone number is [Redacted] My address is: Central Intelligence Agency, DCI History Staff, 316 Ames Building, Washington, D.C. 20505.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,
[Redacted]

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